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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday, March 28, 2021

This Sunday in Worship

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9A and Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "Journey of the Heart: Preparing"

Prelude and Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "How Firm A Foundation"

**Introit and Anthems: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (choral fanfares II)", "Ride On King Jesus",
and "Hosanna in the Highest"**

**Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278", "In the Garden #314",
and "All Glory, Laud, and Honor #280"**

Among the Church Family

Flowers in Church on Sunday, March 21:

The Chancel Flowers which helped beautify our Sanctuary last Sunday, March 21, were given:

In honor of **Joanne Steinmeier** who celebrated her birthday on March 17, by **David Steinmeier**.

In celebration of **Eleanor Lucas Mulligan's** birthday by **Diane and Craig Lucas**.

In Our Prayers:

Please include all those mentioned previously in your prayers.

Our condolences to Greg Ruggles and family upon the passing of his wife **Mike Ruggles** on March 11, 2021. Mike was such an important part of our church family for many, many years. She was very involved in UMW, Worship Committee, Choir, and many other volunteer aspects of our church. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

Sierra Service Project:

Due to our current county restrictions, as anticipated, Sierra Service Project this summer will officially be online, however, we will be planning to meet at church every night during the week for some service projects and outdoor fun activities at CGS! We will be planning on participating in SSP the week of July 19 – 23, 2021, however, once we are registered, you can attend as many weeks as you would like. There is programming scheduled from Monday through Friday from 10:30AM – 6:00PM, however, you can come for what you are able to come to and whatever fits in your schedule. Anyone who is currently in 5th-12th grade is eligible to go. Cost is \$175.00 per person, however, if you have participated in Youth Bells or Youth Choir, the cost is just \$25.00! You can find more information about SSP and its programs at www.sierraserviceproject.org If you are interested in attending SSP this summer, please email me at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, April 18, 2021!

-Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years Women's Book Study



Feel like reading? You could cozy up by the fireplace with a mug of hot cocoa beside you to read another chapter in your book. Or you could join the Wednesday Women's Book Study and share your thoughts about the book with a couple dozen friends from church. Melissa MacKinnon introduced the idea of a book group in early 2000, and it is still going strong.

One of our women whose name is almost synonymous with the Book Study is Karen Whitehill. She joined in its early years and is passionate about what the group means to her, not only for the many books she's read but also for the familial camaraderie within the group. *Karen shares with us her thoughts and knowledge about the Women's Book Study...*

We normally meet in the church library each Wednesday at noon for one hour. It's brown-bag lunch time, and discussion about the book we are all reading. Most of the 30 or so who belong are members of CGS, yet not all are, and everyone is welcome. Usually about 15-20 attend each week. Age is not a factor, as we are of all ages and all young at heart.

Our pastors—Melissa MacKinnon, Phil Wood, Steve Wilson, George Hooper, Lydia Sohn and Eva Tai-Irwin—join us in our book discussions, but we also lead and discuss amongst ourselves. It's an organized hour, but nothing is off limits to discuss. In our conversations, we may find differences of opinion or perspective. And we find that there is always something we can learn...and gain...from every book, even ones we might not like!

We celebrate birthdays together each month, mourn losses together, and share not only written words but also our own life stories. And we respect every woman's privacy. The closeness we share in discussion may be even more meaningful than the reading itself.

We often have our favorite authors, making it exciting to find their latest new book. Some buy their books, some get them from a library, and some use Kindle. We read all types of books—historical, mysteries, memoirs. We even once read a romance novel, as one of our members knew the author! This author came and spoke to our group. In sharp contrast was another speaker who talked on Tiananmen Square. Guest speakers make the stories come alive!

Meeting weekly, we average 12-16 books each year. It always amazes me when I see the list of all 286 books...and authors...that we have read since the group started. Recent choices show the variety of theme: "Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Benjamin Tutu; "Educated" by Tara Westover; "Tell it Like it Can Be" by James McCormick; "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean; "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger; "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate; and "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict.

Like everyone else, the Book Study has adapted to the pandemic. Thankfully we have been able to meet once a month with reading and discussing one book via Zoom...arranged by Pastor Eva. And we look forward to returning to a normal weekly schedule in the newly restored library...thanks to the wonderful grant from the Trustees, and volunteers recruited by David & Joann Steinmeier. Hopefully we will all soon be able to return to our wonderful routine...we are ready...It's a great group!



CGS Foundation Grants

The CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2021 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested. [Year-Round Grant Application](#)

Walking Group

Our walking group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! Bring and wear a mask and plan to social distance. For more information call walk leader, Catherine Doster, 626-365-6447 or email her at catherine.doster@yahoo.com



Hey Youth!

Have you tried your luck at ZZZP with SSP? Join the free monthly program on Thurs., March 25 from 3 to 4 p.m. and see just how lucky you are! This special Sierra Service Project program is for youth and their families, and is led by CGS UMYF President Tyler Ross and youth from across California! The monthly gatherings are open to entire households. Register for free at sierraserviceproject.org -> zzzp with ssp.



2021 Memorial/Veteran's Day Chancel Flowers

It is a tradition at CGS to have special flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

The 2021 Flower Chart

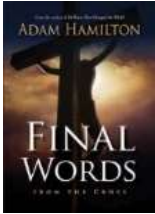
Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may stop by the church to take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.



*Palm
Sunday*

**Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason
for the Easter season! Amongst all the
busyness that goes on reflect on
Jesus & His resurrection.**





Special Events in the Season of Lent

Mondays: Lenten Book Study (via Zoom at 7pm)

Wednesdays: Live Courtyard Devotion Time with Soloists and Piano. This week, Seminary Intern Michael Chesnut will be leading the devotion.

A video will be posted on Facebook Group Page and on Church website after 3pm and available to view throughout the week.

Fridays: Reflection Time with Seminary Intern Michael Chesnut (video posted on Facebook Group Page and church website after 3pm)



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*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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